Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Section 811)

Provides assistance to expand the supply of housing with the availability of supportive services for persons with disabilities and promotes and facilitates community integration for people with significant and long-term disabilities.

Nature of Program: The Section 811 program helps expand the supply of affordable housing with supportive services for persons with disabilities. It provides very low-income persons with disabilities options that allow them to live independently but in an environment that provides support activities such as cleaning, cooking, transportation, etc. Capital advances are made to eligible private, nonprofit sponsors and, in cases of mixed-finance, for-profit limited partnerships where the sole general partner is (i) a nonprofit organization or (ii) a for-profit corporation controlled by a nonprofit organization to finance the development of rental housing with supportive services for persons with disabilities. The advance is interest free and does not have to be repaid so long as the housing remains available for very low-income persons with disabilities for at least 40 years. Project rental assistance covers the difference between the HUD-approved operating cost of the project and the tenants' contributions toward rent.

Applicant Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations with a Section 501(c)(3) IRS tax exemption may qualify for assistance, and may partner with private, for-profit entities so long as the sole general partner is a nonprofit organization that meets the statutory requirements. Occupancy is open to very low-income persons with disabilities who are at least 18 years old and less than 62 years of age.

Legal Authority: Section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013), as amended by the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-374). Regulations are at 24 CFR part 891.

Administering Office: Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410.

Information Sources: Administering office and HUD field offices. On the Web: www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/mfh/progdesc/disab811.cfm

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